

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. An information security system comprising:

plural information resources distributed amongst and executable on one or more servers coupled via a communication network to a client entity, the plural information resources having associated trust level requirements;

a gatekeeper interposed between the client entity and the information resources; and

a credential gathering service common to the plural information resources, wherein upon receipt of a first request for access to a first of the plural

information resources without prior authentication to a sufficient trust level, the gatekeeper redirects the first request to the common credential gathering service and the common credential gathering service obtains a login credential for the client entity in accordance with a mapping rule establishing a correspondence between the sufficient trust level and a set of suitable credential types, the obtained login credential including an instance of a particular credential type from the set of suitable credential types.